



# *Commencement*

**Noon • May 12th • Spring 2007**



# *Forty-eighth Commencement*

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Cooperative Graduate Programs

School of Arts & Sciences • School of Education

Bachelor of General Studies

Processional: "Pomp and Circumstance" .....	Elgar Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble
Invocation .....	Dr. Kip Heth Professor, School of Arts & Sciences, Missouri Southern State University
Welcome and Introductions .....	Dr. Julio S. León President, Missouri Southern State University
Remarks .....	Dr. Julio S. León
Presentation of Graduate Class .....	Dr. Richard J. McCallum Vice President for Academic Affairs, Missouri Southern State University
Conferring of Graduate Degrees .....	Dr. Michael Nietzel President, Missouri State University Dr. Julio S. León
Master's Hooding .....	Dr. Frank Einhellig Associate Provost, Dean of the Graduate College, Missouri State University
Alma Mater - Missouri Southern State University & Missouri State University .....	Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble

## Presentation of Baccalaureate Degrees

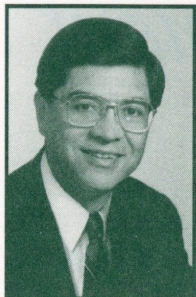
Presentation of Class .....	Dr. Richard J. McCallum
Conferring of Degrees .....	Dr. Julio S. León

## Presentation of Diplomas

Congratulatory Remarks .....	Dr. William Huffman President, Faculty Senate, Missouri Southern State University
Announcement of Academic Honors .....	Dr. Richard J. McCallum
MSSU Alma Mater (page 17) .....	Stephanie Gilmore Orchestration Arranged by Nicholas Gilmore, Senior Music Education Major Music Performance-Vocal, Class of 2007 Shannon Martinous Music Performance-Vocal, Class of 2007
Benediction .....	Dr. Kip Heth
Recessional "Sine Nomine" .....	R. V. Williams & E. Rosenberg Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble
Sign Language Interpreter .....	Sharlene Williams

Please remain standing until recessional is completed. • Please turn off all beepers/cell phones.





Missouri Southern State University  
Commencement Speaker  
President

***Julio S. León***



ULIO S. LEÓN marks his 25th year as president of Missouri Southern State University in 2007. His tenure represents one of the longest University presidencies in the nation. This year also marks the 38th year of Dr. León's service to Missouri Southern.

Dr. León became interim President in July 1982 and on December 16, 1982, he was named the third president in the University's history as a four-year institution.

His steady leadership and expansive vision have propelled the University and its pursuit of excellence into the 21st Century.

Growth of the University has occurred on a multitude of fronts during his two and a half decades of leadership, including student enrollment, curriculum development, faculty enrichment, institutional stature, and facility enhancements. Excellence in the classroom has been and is his first priority.

In 1969, when Dr. León arrived on Missouri Southern's campus as an assistant professor of business administration, the University awarded 350 degrees; today nearly 800 students earn diplomas each year. In 1973 he became an associate professor and in 1976 a full professor and Dean of the School of Business Administration.

In addition to enrollment growth, he also has presided over dramatic physical expansion of the campus. The square footage of building space added since 1982 is equal to almost 10 football fields. In 1969 eight major facilities were in use; today there are more than 30. Some of his most significant accomplishments include:

- Obtaining University status in 2003, which also allowed MSSU to offer cooperative master's degree programs;
- Creating a model Honors Program in 1984;
- Collaborating to improve preparation of college-bound students;
- Leading a national effort to increase understanding of economics by requiring all students to take a course on the American economic system;
- Instituting mandatory assessment of learning for all graduates, one of the first institutions in the nation to do so;
- Shaping a nationally recognized and award-winning International Mission adopted in 1990 and supported by the Missouri legislature;
- Creating in 1999 the Division of Lifelong Learning to develop distance learning opportunities for place-bound students and global competitiveness. Today, more than 1,700 students (nontraditional students, single parents, working adults, regular college students, and international students) benefit from online courses and degrees;
- Presiding over a 30 percent increase in enrollment;
- Directing more than \$62 million in construction and improvements providing state-of-the-art facilities for students and faculty and creating hundreds of jobs in the public and private sectors;

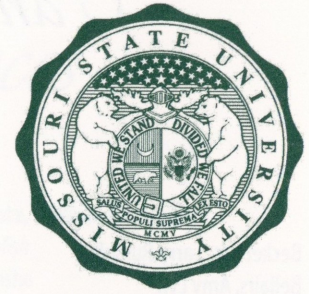
In 1993, Dr. and Mrs. León were honored with the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Citizens award. He has served in leadership roles on numerous national boards, including the Boards of Directors of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU), the Inter-American Organization for Higher Education (IOHE), and the American Council on Education (ACE). In 2001, Dr. León was chairman of the board of AASCU.

His wife, Mrs. Vivian León, is director of the world-renowned Missouri Southern International Piano Competition.





# Cooperative Graduate Programs



## Missouri Southern State University/Missouri State University Master of Arts in Teaching

**Chase, Trevor**  
Education  
Carl Junction

**Dawson, Sarah**  
Education  
Webb City

**Schreiner, Nicki**  
Education  
Neosho

**Cosby, Elizabeth**  
Education  
Pittsburg KS

**Farley, Lucas Corey \***  
Education  
Granby

*M*issouri Southern State University's forty-eighth commencement ceremony marks another historic moment for the institution. The first graduates of the cooperative Master of Arts in Teaching program receive their diplomas during the spring 2007 ceremony. This milestone was possible when MSSU and Missouri State University collaborated to combine their resources and expand higher education opportunities in Southwest Missouri and the Four-States region.

The two institutions united their efforts to deliver the programs with traditional classroom teaching and state-of-the-art distance learning tools using faculty from both universities.

The spring 2007 commencement ceremony marks the second class of master's graduates at Missouri Southern. In spring 2006, the university saw students in the cooperative master's program with Northwest Missouri State University receive diplomas in Early Childhood Education and Instructional Technology.

Effective August 2003, the Missouri General Assembly passed legislation giving Missouri Southern State University the opportunity to offer joint graduate programs in cooperation with other public four-year institutions in the State of Missouri (RSMo 173.005). The legislative effort was lead by Sen. Gary Nodler in the Senate and Rep. Bryan Stevenson in the House. Others lending their support included Southwest Missouri legislators Steve Hunter, Ron Richard, Kevin Wilson and Marilyn Ruestman. The legislation was signed into law by Gov. Bob Holden.

The Coordinating Board for Higher Education oversees implementation of the cooperative programs to ensure the most efficient use of state resources and the highest quality of advanced educational opportunities.

During the ceremony, the presentation of the academic hood to master's degree recipients represents a compelling, highly symbolic moment in both the candidates' lives and in the commencement ceremony. The hooding ceremony for the cooperative graduate programs at MSSU signifies a scholarly and personal achievement. Colors of the hoods were carefully selected to represent both institutions and the corresponding fields of study. Graduates also wear an academic shawl with the seals of the two universities represented to signify the spirit of cooperation and collaboration between the faculties and administrations of the institutions.

The names of both universities appear on the graduates' diplomas. The significance and symbolism of academic regalia appear on page 15.

In addition to partnerships with Missouri State University and Northwest Missouri State University, Missouri Southern is pursuing similar collaborative programs with the University of Missouri – Kansas City for advanced degrees in nursing and dental hygiene, and Southeast Missouri State University for a master's program in criminal justice. MSSU will continue to develop these and other programs in order to fulfill its mission and to meet the needs of the growing population and economy of the region.



# Candidates for Honors & Degrees

## Baccalaureate Degrees

### Summa Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Beckett, Jr., Larry Russell ‡  
Bellairs, Amy Lyn  
Bergen, Stephenie Rhema ‡  
Buchholz, Katrina Rashell ‡  
Gfeller, Erin Rae ‡ †  
Hackett, Holly Raye  
Hatfield, Greg Allen ‡

Herford, Elissa Ann ‡  
Hilburn, Elizabeth Jeanne †  
Hollingshead, Jeffrey David\* ‡  
Holt, Melanie Janelle †  
Imanda, Silvia ‡  
Knoderer, Carissa Rachel Angel  
Lee, Anthony Wayne

Marti, Nicole Rachelle  
Meyer, Michael Steven ‡ †  
Oldfather, Diane R.  
Shaffer, Kristin L. ‡  
Smith, Robert Carter. ‡ †  
Stephens, Amanda Renee  
Stratton, Adam Dean ‡ †

Thomas, Joshua Gregory ‡  
Thompson, Andrew Ryan ‡  
Valentine, Eric Lee †  
Vassilev, Alexandar V. ‡ †  
Waggoner, Tara Elaine  
Wallace, Sarah Nicole ‡ †  
Wallain, Amy Rebekah ‡

## Magna Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89

Bowden, Yvette Michelle †  
Compton, Christina Jo  
Corbin, Cindy Lyn  
Davis, Brandi Jeanne  
Devine, Christal Cherie  
England, Stacie Lorena  
Estes, Janna Michelle

Gaydusek, Warren Eugene  
Gilmore, Stephanie L. †  
Goshert, Hannah Ruth  
Hall, Stacy Rene  
Hames, Amy L.  
Hilburn, Brandon Gale †

House, Megan M.  
Hunter, Sheryl M.  
Kelley, Conrad W. †  
Lawrence, Matthew J. †  
Reed, Ashley Ann  
Reynolds, Elizabeth Ann

Simmons, Tara Renee  
Skiles, Crystal Gayle  
Wallain, Matthew Bryan  
Wellbaum, Kristen Jade  
Wicke, Luke Monell  
Wicke, Tammy Marie  
Winters, Megan Ann

## Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79

Anderson, Rebecca D.  
Baldwin, James Thomas  
Begey, Jason Michael  
Bridges, Rebecca Mae  
Cordova, Tracy M. \*  
Dunfield, Dustin Wayne  
Ensor, Alice Christine

Frey, Chrystal D.  
Garren, Melissa A.  
Garrett, Nicole Lynne \*  
Hargrove, Katherine Lynn †  
Haydal, Danielle Elizabeth †  
Johnson, Maggie Magnolia  
Lage, Jeanette R.

Lambert, John Benjamin  
Lowrey, Richard Anthony  
McCleary, Katarina  
Suzanne Wilson  
Millis, Cara Elizabeth  
Moenning, Cassandra Joy  
Murdock, Khendra Delaine \*

Roelfsema, Joshiah Andrew  
Rucker, Steve Don  
Sailor, Jeri Beth  
Shrum, Randie Lauren\*  
Stogsdill, Jennifer Lynn \*  
Vorhees, Erin D'Nell \*  
Wood, Joy M.

## Associate Degrees

### First Honors

Grade Point Average 3.90 or above

Fong, Mungyan

Kellenberger, Kayla Jo ‡ \*

Lynch, Lucinda June

### Second Honors

Grade Point Average 3.80 - 3.89

Goodman, Debbie Lynn \*  
Jones, Jr., Tom

### Third Honors

Grade Point Average 3.70 - 3.79

Craven, Jessica Jade \*

Depreste, Charles Dean

Graves, Rachel D. \*

Rayburn, Shawna Nichol



# School of Arts & Sciences

## Bachelor of Arts

**Aldridge, Rebecca Elizabeth**

English  
Carthage

**Begey, Jason Michael**

Sociology  
Neosho

**Bergen, Stephenie Rhema ‡**

English  
Carthage

**Brown, Cody Joe**

English  
Cartersville

**Cooper, Christopher Michael**

Art  
Springfield

**Davis, Kelly Elizabeth**

Communication  
Neosho

**DeBoutez, Alyson Nichole**

Art  
Nevada

**Driskel, Lyddia Dawn**

Communication  
Joplin

**Duff, Aaron A.B. \***

English  
Grain Valley

**Dunfield, Dustin Wayne**

History  
Nevada

**Dunn, Danielle Sue \***

Communication  
Sapulpa, OK

**Ensor, Alice Christine**

English  
Joplin

**Fairbanks, Bryan Keene**

Art  
Creighton

**Gerbitz, Carrie Janet**

Spanish  
Joplin

**Gilmore, Stephanie Harter †**

Music  
Joplin

**Guilford, Krista Renee**

Communication  
Joplin

**Hargrove, Katherine Lynn †**

International Studies  
Sherwood, AR

**Haut, David William**

Communication  
Joplin

**Heth, Gabrielle Little Bear**

English  
Carthage

**Hildreth, Michael Patrick \***

History  
Carl Junction

**Hollingshead, Jeffrey David ‡ \***

English / German  
Gideon

**Horine, Benjamin Dean**

Theatre  
Independence

**Hunsaker, Deborah S.**

Art  
Joplin

**Hurley, Nathan †**

French  
Joplin

**Jimenez, Emeli Vanessa**

Political Science / Spanish  
Neosho

**Jones, Jennifer Leigh**

Art  
Carthage

**Jones, Zachary Wayne**

Communication  
Joplin

**Kaufmann, Anthony Joshua**

English  
Joplin

**Kenney II, Roger Mac †\***

French  
Carthage

**Kuehn, Birgit**

German  
Carthage

**Kissel, Derek Shane**

Political Science  
Diamond

**Klapp, Noelle Kristina**

Spanish  
Joplin

**Kubicek, Nathan L.**

English  
Joplin

**Lambert, John Benjamin**

Spanish / History  
Joplin

**Leavens, Whitney Rose**

Spanish  
Joplin

**Lee, Samantha Ellyn \***

Communication  
Springfield

**Lentz, William Channing**

English  
Neosho

**Liu, Michele Yan**

International Studies  
St. Joseph

**Mallory, Alexis Michelle**

Communication  
Kansas City

**Martinous, Shannon Elizabeth**

Music  
Joplin

**Mehrer, Ashley Sherel**

Communication  
Kansas City

**Melton, James S. \***

History  
Neosho

**Millis, Cara Elizabeth**

Political Science  
Joplin

**Mott, Joshua Levi**

English  
Joplin

**Murdock, Khendra Delaine \***

English  
Joplin

**Myers, Lauren Adair**

Communication  
Joplin

**Oakes, Jacob Lee**

Music  
Neosho

**Perkins, Jennifer R.**

Spanish  
Joplin



**Petillo, Todd Owen \***

Art  
Bixby, OK

**Poiry, Brandy Michelle**

English  
Joplin

**Porter, Richard Allen**

English  
Liberal

**Ragan, Jennifer Lynn**

Art  
Monett

**Rose, Lynnae Elizabeth \***

Communication  
Joplin

**Rucker, Steven Don**

English  
Joplin

**Shindler, Linda F.**

English  
Frederick, MD

**Slatton, David W.**

Communication  
Joplin

**Smith, Michael Ryan \***

International Studies  
Kansas City

**Smith, Robert Carter ‡ †**

Communication  
Joplin

**Stark, Krista Lee**

Communication  
Webb City

**Stogsdill, Jennifer Lynn \***

Spanish  
Granby

**Stratton, Adam Dean ‡ †**

English  
Golden City

**Thompson, Andrew Ryan ‡**

Theatre  
Independence

**Warner, Anayansi Puertas**

Spanish  
Joplin

**Watts, Rebecca Ann**

Communication  
Carthage

**Wiles, Lydia S.**

English  
Lincoln, NE

**Williams, Jr., Charles R.**

English  
Carl Junction

**Zellmer, Catherine Marie**

History  
Carthage

## Bachelor of Science

**Aponte, Donna Maria**

Biology  
Joplin

**Balk, Paula Kay**

Sociology  
Nevada

**Barley, Julee Denise \***

Biology  
Joplin

**Bass, Joidene Wilson \***

Sociology  
Lamar

**Beckett, Larry R.**

Biology  
Joplin

**Begey, Jason Michael**

Sociology  
Neosho

**Bradley, Atiba Changa \***

Mathematics  
Bartlesville, OK

**Brown, Robert Samuel**

Mathematics  
Seneca

**Bushnell, Brianna N.**

Biology  
Webb City

**Cain, Kimberly Kay**

Biology  
El Dorado Springs

**Carter, Matthew A.**

Biology  
Waynesville

**Cavener, Sara Ilene**

Biology  
Webb City

**Collins, Mary K.**

Environmental Health  
Miami, OK

**Conrad, Elizabeth Maxine \***

Sociology  
Joplin

**Cooper, Tiffany M. \***

Sociology  
Miami, OK

**Crane, Bradley Dustin**

Sociology  
Joplin

**Crespino, Susan**

Biology  
Joplin

**Doty, Jr., David Arthur**

Biology  
Neosho

**Edwards, Nicholas James**

Political Science  
Joplin

**Francisco, Jennifer Dawn**

Biology  
Anderson

**Gliedt, Jordan Alan**

Environmental Health  
Rogers, AR

**Goggins, Gerard James**

Political Science  
Webb City

**Greninger, Nicole Diane**

Biology  
Joplin

**Gust, Ryan Eugene**

Biology  
Joplin

**Haydal, Danielle Elizabeth †**

Biology  
Billings, MT

**Henness, David Ross**

Biology  
Joplin

**Hilburn, Elizabeth J. †**

Sociology  
Joplin

**Hurly, Sean Patrick \***

Political Science  
Joplin



**Jones, Jennifer Elisha \***

*Political Science*

Joplin

**Knoderer, Carissa Rachel Angel**

*Biology*

Joplin

**Lowry, Kristopher C.**

*Sociology*

Joplin

**McAfee, Bradley James**

*Environmental Health*

Carl Junction

**McCown, Lindsay Elaine**

*Sociology*

Springfield

**McCullough, Rikki Dawn**

*Physics/Computational Mathematics*

Duenweg

**Michell, Cheryl Ann**

*Biology*

Eldon

**Moenning, Cassandra Joy**

*Biology*

Norfolk, NE

**Muse, Cori**

*Biology*

Grove, OK

**Norbury, Katie Aileen**

*Biology*

Carthage

**Palmer, Ryan Keith**

*Biology*

Carthage

**Plocher, Lucas Wayne**

*Biology*

West Plains

**Roelfsema, Josiah Andrew**

*Mathematics*

Neosho

**Salzer, Greg Thomas**

*Sociology*

Joplin

**Scorse Coates, Sera Emily**

*Biology*

Joplin

**Shrum, Randie Lauren \***

*Sociology*

Carthage

**Thorn, Jeremy Keith**

*Biology*

Stotts City

**Valentine, Eric Lee †**

*Biology*

Lamar

**Wallace, Jerad E.**

*Sociology*

Neosho

**Wicke, Luke Monell**

*Biology*

Joplin

**Wicke, Tammy Marie**

*Biology*

Joplin

**Wilson, Austin Loyd**

*Biology*

Joplin

**Wingert, Kristull LuAnn \***

*Biology*

Nevada

**Yokley, Douglas Ray**

*Sociology*

Bronaugh

**Yount, Steven Kyle**

*Biology*

Joplin

# School of Education

## Bachelor of Arts

**Meier, Jodi Lynn**

*Psychology*

Noel

**Snider, III, George Earl**

*Psychology*

Joplin

**Warden, Serenity Faith**

*Psychology*

Appleton City



## Bachelor of Science

**Baldwin, Kelli D.**

*Psychology*  
Joplin

**Bowen, Racheal Ann**

*Health Promotion and Wellness*  
Leavenworth, KS

**Branham, Julie Ann \***

*Psychology*  
Neosho

**Bremmerkamp, Erin Renee \***

*Health Promotion and Wellness*  
Webb City

**Breshears, Stephanie Louise \***

*Health Promotion and Wellness*  
Milo

**Burch, Justin Lee \***

*Health Promotion and Wellness*  
Joplin

**Callari, Joseph Robert**

*Psychology*  
Joplin

**Carson, Hope K.**

*Psychology*  
Joplin

**Cryderman, Brandon William**

*Psychology*  
Joplin

**Fisher, Kristin N.**

*Psychology*  
Seneca

**Frey, Chrystal D.**

*Psychology*  
Joplin

**Hackett, Holly Raye**

*Psychology*  
Washburn

**Harris, Matthew**

*Psychology*  
Joplin

**Hester, Cynthia Deborah**

*Psychology*  
Washburn

**Loveall, Peggy Lee**

*Psychology*  
Joplin

**Masters, Patricia Jean**

*Health Promotion and Wellness*  
Rowlett, TX

**Mayden, Kyle Robert \***

*Health Promotion and Wellness*  
Lockwood

**McCarty, Leah Michelle**

*Psychology*  
Joplin

**Melander, Airika Denise \***

*Health Promotion and Wellness*  
Caney, KS

**Needham, Richard David**

*Psychology*  
Anderson

**Ohlhausen, Amanda Kaye**

*Psychology*  
Granby

**Roberts, Richard Neil**

*Psychology*  
Joplin

**Rolls, Meghan Christine**

*Health Promotion and Wellness*  
Caney, KS

**Silvers, Scott Michael \***

*Psychology*  
Carthage

**Simmons, Tara Renee**

*Health Promotion and Wellness*  
Howard, KS

**Taylor II, John Charles \***

*Health Promotion and Wellness*  
Joplin

**Ward, Justin Lee \***

*Psychology*  
Goodman

**Willey, Andrew D.**

*Health Promotion and Wellness*  
Joplin

## Bachelor of Science in Education

**Armstrong, David Wayne**

*Social Science Education*  
Carthage

**Barley, Rachel Ann**

*Art Education*  
Joplin

**Barnicle, Amy Jo †**

*Mathematics Education*  
Springfield

**Beck, Elizabeth Joy**

*Elementary Education*  
Joplin

**Bellairs, Amy Lynn**

*Elementary Education*  
Joplin

**Biesterveld, Hope Heleana**

*Social Science Education*  
Alba

**Bowden, Yvette Michelle †**

*Mathematics Education*  
Galena

**Braeckel, Bridget Lou**

*Elementary Education*  
Joplin

**Bridgeford, Laura Lynn**

*Elementary Education*  
Seneca

**Brigham II, Steven Allen**

*Social Science Education*  
Webb City

**Brower, Shannon M.**

*Elementary Education*  
Webb City

**Brown, Jason Scott**

*Social Science Education*  
Joplin

**Buck, Michelle LeeAnn**

*Elementary Education*  
Joplin

**Campbell-Lage, Jeanette R.**

*Art Education*  
Carthage

**Corbin, Cindy Lyn**

*Elementary Education*  
Schell City

**Cunningham, Natalie M.**

*Business Education*  
Golden City



**Dalbey-Hulstine, Amber Dawn**  
Elementary Education  
Webb City

**Davis, Brandi Jeanne**  
Elementary Education  
Joplin

**Dawson, Rachael Leann**  
Elementary Education  
Sarcoxie

**De Priest, Rebecca J.**  
Social Science Education  
Seneca

**Deatrick, Jessica Marie**  
Elementary Education  
Rogersville

**Devine, Christal Cherie**  
Music Education  
Neosho

**Drake, Deanna S.**  
Elementary Education  
Neosho

**Dunlap, Kimberly Dawn**  
Elementary Education  
Joplin

**Elliott, Susanne Marie**  
Elementary Education  
Dewey, OK

**Flaton, Ashley Nicole**  
Elementary Education  
Parsons, KS

**Friend, Laura Jean**  
Elementary Education  
Joplin

**Gaydusek, Warren Eugene**  
Mathematics Education  
Centerton, AR

**Gonzalez, Elizabeth Courtney**  
Elementary Education  
Neosho

**Goshert, Hannah Ruth**  
Elementary Education  
Joplin

**Graham, Angela Eve**  
Elementary Education  
Neosho

**Griswold, Melia Kei**  
Elementary Education  
Miami, OK

**Hall, Justin M.**  
Middle School Education  
Carthage

**Hames, Amy L.**  
Social Science Education  
Nevada

**Hatfield, Gregory A. ‡**  
Elementary Education  
Aurora

**Hendrick, Miranda Marie**  
Elementary Education  
Webb City

**Hobson, Brandon Ray**  
Social Science Education  
Granby

**Holt, Melanie Janelle †**  
Music Education  
Webb City

**House, Megan Marie**  
Mathematics Education  
Blue Springs

**Hurst-Compton, Christina Jo**  
Elementary Education  
Nevada

**Johnson, Maggie Magnolia**  
Middle School Education  
Joplin

**Jones, Kimberly D.**  
Elementary Education  
El Dorado Springs

**Klund, Michelle Rene**  
Elementary Education  
St. Louis

**Manga, Moses K.**  
Physical Education  
Winfield, KS

**Marti, Nicole Rachelle**  
Elementary Education  
Lamar

**McNabb-Wiltgen, Kelly Rena \***  
Elementary Education  
Washburn

**Moore, David Edwin**  
English Education  
Anderson

**Morgan, Gina Marie**  
Elementary Education  
Carthage

**Myers, David L. \***  
Physical Education  
Seneca

**Neugebauer, Brian Donald**  
Middle School Education  
Louisville, CO

**O'Bryan, Linda L.**  
Elementary Education  
Diamond

**Ott, Noelle Lian**  
Elementary Education  
Jay, OK

**Palmer, Elyse A.**  
Elementary Education  
Joplin

**Parker, Britney Rachelle**  
Music Education  
Webb City

**Potter, Willis Elwood**  
Industrial Technology Education  
British Virgin Islands  
Webb City

**Powell, Grace**  
Elementary Education  
Carterville

**Poznich, Kayla Joann**  
English Education  
Joplin

**Replogle, Jason Lemoine**  
Physical Education  
Washington

**Reynolds, Elizabeth Ann**  
Elementary Education  
Joplin

**Rushing, William Kyler**  
Mathematics Education  
Sarcoxie

**Sailor, Jerilyn Beth**  
Physical Education  
Carthage

**Shaffer, Kristin Lynn ‡**  
Elementary Education  
Bluejacket, OK

**Skiles, Crystal Gayle**  
Middle School Education  
Jefferson City

**Smith, Janell Irene**  
Elementary Education  
Southwest City

**Stewart, Jennifer Nicole**  
Elementary Education  
Joplin

**Stumbo, Jason Michael**  
Physical Education  
Broken Arrow, OK

**Tanksley, Marybeth Irene**  
Elementary Education  
Baxter Springs, KS

**Throop, Amy LuAnn**  
Physical Education  
Webb City

**Trecker, Theresa Rose**  
Elementary Education  
Exeter

**Triplett, Bridget Olivia**  
Elementary Education  
Carthage

**Truelove, Jeremy Ray**  
Social Science Education  
Joplin



**Turner, Casey Elaine**  
Elementary Education  
Mt. Vernon

**Waggoner, Tara Elaine**  
Elementary Education  
Carthage

**Wallace, Sarah Nicole** ‡ †  
Mathematics Education / Spanish  
Education  
Branson

**Wallace, Virginia Ann**  
Elementary Education / Middle School  
Education  
Webb City

**Wallain, Amy Rebekah** ‡  
Elementary Education  
Southwest City

**Wallain, Matthew Bryan**  
Physical Education  
Anderson

**White, Audrey Jean**  
Elementary Education  
Monett

**Wilson McCleary, Katarina**  
**Suzanne** ‡  
Art Education  
Neosho

**Worrall, Jason Allen**  
Elementary Education  
Carthage

**Wright, Ashley Michael**  
Elementary Education  
Joplin

## ***Bachelor of General Studies***

**Banks, Jr., Richard E.**  
General Studies  
Joplin

**Biesterveld, Hope Heleana**  
General Studies  
Alba

**Clark, Mark S.**  
General Studies  
Joplin

**Cupp, Caleb Andrew**  
General Studies  
Carthage

**Curci, Allison Anne**  
General Studies  
Joplin

**Deslatte, Aaron Marshall**  
General Studies  
Tallahassee, FL

**Dodd, Shawn Dee**  
General Studies  
Webb City

**Fields, Tierre Courtney**  
General Studies  
Joplin

**Gilbreth, Timothy Michael**  
General Studies  
Columbia

**Goddard, Earl Wayne**  
General Studies  
Duenweg

**Goggins, Galeen Louise**  
General Studies  
Webb City

**Halaapiapi, Fatai Lolohea \***  
General Studies  
Richmond, KY

**Harrington, Joelleen Ann**  
General Studies  
Neosho

**Harris, Karen Michelle \***  
General Studies  
Grandview

**Hass Cordova, Tracy Marie \***  
General Studies  
Joplin

**Horan, Arleen Denise**  
General Studies  
Salem

**Hudspeth, Valerie Elaine**  
General Studies  
Lockwood

**Jenison, Anita M.**  
General Studies  
Carthage

**Kritikos, Lynn Ann**  
General Studies  
Jasper

**Krtek, Shirley Faye**  
General Studies  
Carthage

**Lewis, Steven Edward**  
General Studies  
Joplin

**Loeber, Kim Marie**  
General Studies  
Ava

**Maina, Alfred W.**  
General Studies  
Kenya  
Joplin

**Morang, Hiedi Ann**  
General Studies  
Joplin

**Myers, II, David L. \***  
General Studies  
Seneca

**Oakes, Paula J.**  
General Studies  
Neosho

**Park, Alyssa Kay**  
General Studies  
Checotah, OK

**Patterson, Jeffrey Marvin \***  
General Studies  
Neosho

**Potter, Willis Elwood**  
General Studies  
British Virgin Islands  
Webb City

**Schierlman-Lyons, Teresa Lynn**  
General Studies  
Fort Scott, KS

**Schuster, Mark Robert**  
General Studies  
Joplin

**Shaw, Jennifer Lynne**  
General Studies  
Webb City

**Sparks, Larry Wayne**  
General Studies  
Carthage

**Stamper, Jason Christopher**  
General Studies  
Joplin

**Thrumman, Shayla Renee**  
General Studies  
Webb City

**Vorhees, Erin D'Nell \***  
General Studies  
Joplin

**Wallace, Daniel David**  
General Studies  
Webb City



# Academic Attire

As early as the twelfth century the first modern universities, at Bologna and Paris, were centers of European learning. The usual garb of the time, for both churchmen and laymen, was a long gown which was necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings of the day. Scholars, generally members of church orders, wore such robes and also hoods to protect their shaven heads. Later, skull caps were worn on the head, and the hood became a cape which could be pulled over the head in unpleasant weather. The hood was also sometimes used to collect alms from the more affluent members of the community. As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adopted by their faculties. Variations indicated ranks within the institutions. Strict rules were published and in some cases punishment cited for tailors who departed from the authorized design.

The academic hat was a later development, adapted from the headdress of the ordinary people. Academically, it was originally worn as a symbol of the master's degree, and existed in various forms: some were round, some square and some had a tuft in the center. The flat, square "mortar board" of today originated at Oxford University in England.

Academic costume came to America in 1754 with the founding of King's College, now Columbia University. Styles became quite varied as they were in Europe, but in 1895 a group of American college and university representatives met to establish a uniform system of academic apparel for this country. This led to the establishment in 1902 of an "Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume." The American Council of Education formed a committee in 1932 to review the 1895 code, which was again reviewed and revised in both 1960 and 1965.

There are today three basic types of gowns and hoods. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. Recipients of the associate degrees wear gray gowns designed like the bachelor's gown. The master's gown is designed with an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist and with an arc cut away at the front of the sleeve. It may be worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown is of a full design with voluminous sleeves, and it also may be worn open or closed. Unlike the other two, the doctoral gown is faced down the front with velvet and with three velvet bars on the sleeves. These may be black or a color related to the subject of the degree. Thus, arts, letters and humanities may be white, business degrees may be drab or sapphire blue, education uses light blue, fine arts is brown, music is pink and science is golden yellow, to name a few.

The caps are always black, with a black tassel for baccalaureate degrees and a tassel of the color indicated above for master's. Doctoral caps usually have a tassel of metallic gold color.

The hoods worn by master's degree recipients are lined with the official colors of the institution awarding the degree. The binding and edging of the hood is silk or velvet in the color pertaining to the subject area. Doctoral hoods are longer and designed somewhat fuller, but the colors again are those of the institution granting the degree for the lining, and of the subject for the wide edging. There exists a small bachelor's hood, but generally it is not used in this country.

The hoods represented in our ceremony are a combination of colors from each of the collaborating institutions. Traditional colors and corresponding fields of study are:

<b>Brown:</b>	Fine Arts
<b>Crimson:</b>	Journalism
<b>Dark Blue:</b>	Philosophy
<b>Golden Yellow:</b>	Science
<b>Lemon Yellow:</b>	Library Science
<b>Light Blue:</b>	Education
<b>Pink:</b>	Music
<b>Purple:</b>	Law
<b>Sage Green:</b>	Physical Education
<b>Scarlet:</b>	Theology
<b>White:</b>	Arts, Letters, Humanities
<b>Yellow Brown:</b>	Commerce, Business, Accountancy



# *Our Mission*

*M*issouri Southern State University is a state-supported, comprehensive university offering programs leading to the bachelor's degree and selected master's degrees. Faithful to its original statutory charter, the University also offers continuing education courses and a number of two-year programs in technical and vocational areas for the benefit of the community.

The University's primary emphasis is the offering of a baccalaureate program that fosters the total education of each student. Central to that mission is a strong commitment to international education, to the liberal arts, to professional and preprofessional programs, and to the complementary relationship that must exist between liberal and professional education in order to prepare individuals for success in careers and lifelong learning.

Inherent in its international approach to undergraduate education is the University's desire to prepare its students to understand world affairs, international issues and other cultures as seen through their history, geography, language, literature, philosophy, economics and politics. Knowledge and understanding of other cultures of the world also promote better understanding of our own valuable cultural diversity.

Missouri Southern's commitment to the liberal arts is reflected in a comprehensive program of general education requirements for all students to ensure that they have a breadth of educational experiences which will enable them to develop communication and critical thinking skills and to acquire and apply aesthetic, contemporary, civic, international, historical, mathematical, scientific and value-oriented perspective.

The faculty and staff of Missouri Southern State University emphasize quality teaching and learning as the most important attributes of the University, complemented by scholarly and creative expression and dedicated community service. Community service involves responsiveness to the Southwest Missouri region as well as serving as the intellectual, creative and cultural center of the area.

In order to remain loyal to the trust given to the University by the people of the State of Missouri, Missouri Southern State University will:

- fulfill its mission and objectives in an honorable and ethical manner;
- periodically review its mission in light of contemporary changes in society and in the needs of the people of Missouri;
- continually assess the effectiveness of its programs in order to ensure their quality and integrity.



# ALMA MATER

Words by Mary Laird,  
Class of '39

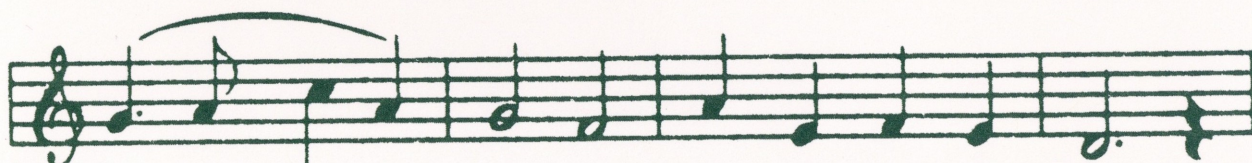
Music by Emerson Jackson,  
Class of '39



Our Al - ma Ma - ter, we ho - nor thee,



shap - ing and guid - ing our de - sti - ny.



Af - ter we have part - ed as the years roll by;



we'll keep each me - mo - ry hail, hail to thee.

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*Missouri Southern State University's "Alma Mater" was drafted during the Joplin Junior College second year by a group that included Mary Laird, Joan Epperson, Enos Currey, Ellen Beasley, and Emerson Jackson. Laird was principally responsible for the lyrics while Jackson set it to music. It was first sung during a Class-Day program in 1939.*